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Attached is a report by ☐ on the appearance of a new initiative entitled the "European Friendship Circles" (EF). ☐ were somewhat stunned by the appearance of this enterprise in that it has virtually the same objectives as their carefully nurtured East European Movement for a United Europe. ☐ interprets the presence of Professor Hans KOCH, of the Osteuropa Institut, and especially that of a (fnu) SCHENK whom he assumes to be Walter von SCHENK, Gerhard von HENDE's deputy, to mean that this initiative has German financial backing. ☐ is prone to the conclusion that in view of the inability of the East European Movement for a United Europe to secure financial support, this new initiative will soon preempt the role they had hoped their East European Movement would play. He and ☐ are a little bitter about what they now see as NCPE shortsightedness in refusing to subsidize them.

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1. In early October 1954 invitations to a meeting of the "European Friendship Circles" (EF) in Munich were sent to a number of East-European emigrants. The following organizations signed as the inviting party:
 - a. "Supra-national T.G.A./T.G.A. Association in Germany"; signed by Dr. Anton GRADEN.
 - b. Association of Free Press; signed by Dr. Zoltan KAKRI.
2. The invitations were accompanied by a letter in which the initiators outlined the aims and missions of the "EF": "To broaden our knowledge and to strengthen our conviction in efforts for the achievement of a united Europe". According to the initiators it is also intended to propagate, widen and strengthen the European unity idea in circles of East-European expellees, who have found asylum in the Federal Republic, at a moment when the European idea has suffered a drawback. Without interfering with the efforts of the various European governments to achieve European unification, as it were "from above", it is planned to make similar efforts, "from below", by forming "European Friendship Circles" in the major cities of the Federal Republic. These circles will not consist of representatives of national groups but of individual persons of all nationalities. By arranging discussions, meetings, conferences in Germany or abroad a contribution to European unification will be made.
3. The meeting on 9 October 1954 was attended by approximately 50-60 persons. The major portion of these appeared to be Hungarians. There were also Germans, Croatians, Russians, Bulgarians, Ukrainians and Czechoslovakians, however, no Russians or Poles. Prominent among those attending were:
 - a. (Professor) Ferdinand DUCHANSKY, ASB;
 - b. (General) Andre KZAYO, MBR;
 - c. Vladimir PEKINSKY, TDF;
 - d. H. HUSCHLER, European Union for Bavaria;
 - e. Dimitri ANDRIYEVSKY, UBR, etc.

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Professor Hans KUCH, director of the Osteuropa Institut, Munich, was in the chair and presided over the discussion. (Dr. Victor von STANKOVIC, editor of the monthly bulletin "Eastern Europe's Tribune", gave a lecture entitled "We and Europe - We Europeans". The lecture was general in scope and contained no new points. In the discussion which followed the lecture the participants voiced various recommendations for achieving European unity. The atmosphere was notably free of those tensions which usually characterize East-European meetings. Many of the participants lauded the initiative and idea of the meeting but were unanimous in appealing for more concrete information and precisely what concrete steps would be taken by the IV in the future. This information was not forthcoming from the initiators of the IV event. (Dr. KUCHER in concluding the meeting did not indicate what further steps were contemplated. He merely recommended that the participants continue to discuss the problem amongst themselves. Costs for the meeting were estimated at approximately 200 MK.

- (1) Source comments: Source noted that a person unknown to him, who was however addressed as Dr. SCHENK, was treated with great respect and attention by Dr. KUCHER, (Dr. KUCHER, Prof. DURMANSKI, etc.). It is presumed that this person is Gerhard von KUCHER's deputy, von SCHENK. SCHENK avoided calling attention to himself but Source gained the impression that SCHENK was the central figure in this initiative.

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